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But the answer was, for the wire was strung in violation of the law on some of the telephone poles in the neighborhood and it was too late.

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CROWDS WATCHING IT.

The crowd followed the gang of linemen along the street, cheering and encouraging them in their work, and the judges and lawyers gathered in the windows in the Court-house, where they could get a good view of the work as it progressed.

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The inspectors and police had hard work to keep the crowd and the trucks back, and there were several narrow escapes as the tall steel went crashing to the pavement sending showers of glass fragments from the shattered insulators in every direction.

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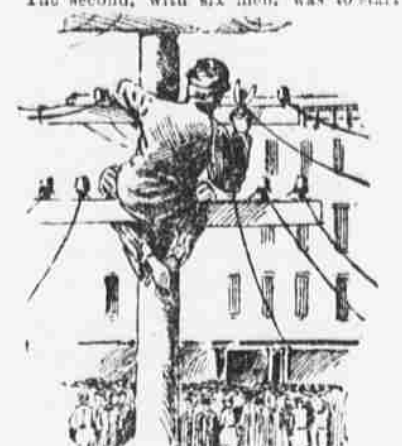
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The first was ordered to Broadway and Chambers street and was under the charge of Contractor Sullivan. There were seven men in it, and they were to follow the instructions of Inspector Roth in cutting wire and felling poles.

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From the United States Company's central station at Twenty-ninth street and First avenue, under Contractor Corrigan and work outwards in the direction of the greatest number of wires. Inspector Reilly directed the work.

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WORKING UP BROADWAY.

After reaching Broadway the linemen started to the street cutting several wires in Chambers street, west of Broadway.

Several "underground" wires were found on the tall pole in front of the Shoe and Leather Bank, and the connection with the bank was also found defective, and was at once removed.

At noon the gang was working its way slowly up Broadway, cutting and removing wires at various points.

DESCENDING A GIANT POLE.

The first wire cut was right in front of the central station of the City of New York, "underground" wire being found upon the giant pole across the street, which carried a network of wires that Lineman Tschobels had a hard task to climb to the top.

GATHERING OF THE CLANS.

Among the representatives of the electric-light companies who were at the office of Commissioner Gilroy this morning were Lawyer Cravath, Supt. Spear, of the Brush Company, Supt. Cummings, of the United States Company, and Supt. Brown, of the United States Company.



APPLAUDING THE AXEMAN.

and Foreman of Linemen Morahan, of the Mount Morris Company.

Cravath said to the reporter of THE EVENING WORLD:

"We shall not attempt to interfere at all with the work of Commissioner Gilroy and there will be no objections."

"How about running the lights to-night?"

"I don't say whether we will turn on our currents or not. We are permitted to do so, but after the work of the Department today it might be dangerous to do so."

COMPANIES IN THE COURTS.

Lawyer Hughes and Cravath, representing the United States and Brush companies, were at the Court House this morning, and it was intimated that they were there to get a stay of proceedings against the city.

None of the judges came down, however, and at noon the lawyers gave up the job.

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Even the subway district will not be exempted from the destruction of the wires, and if our wires leading to the subway have been treated as have the others, which have every reason to believe it is the case, there will be no more light in the subway district than in those where the overhead system has been in force.

PLEASE FOR MERCY.

Mr. Jackson was very much perturbed. "One of the best lines," of his company, which have been removed, and under Anderson's supervision, had been ruthlessly laid low by Commissioner Gilroy's force, and he said that this was an act of vandalism which Mayor Grant, at least, would not authorize.

He accordingly hurried with his woes to the Mayor's office, but Mayor Grant was not there, and he accompanied by an executive officer, he called on Commissioner Gilroy.

That official received him cordially, and remarked:

"I can't regard me only as the axe in the hands of the Board of Electrical Control, I am simply doing my duty in obeying their orders."

Mr. Jackson said that he knew that, and he desired to request the axe to be as considerate as possible in its crippling work."

GILROY WAS ADAMANT.

He objected to the destruction of his best and most approved wires on the ground that they were dangerous.

"They are dangerous," rejoined the Commissioner, "because they are strung below a mass of telegraph wires any one of which might fall on them and cause the death of an innocent human at any time."

I believe it was just such an accident as this which caused Lineman Fells's death, and which is strung like that, no matter how well they are insulated, I deem the most dangerous of any electrical conductors, and I propose to remove every one of them in the city."

Mr. Jackson did not get much satisfaction from the Commissioner and left the office.

## NO VERDICT YET.

The Cronin Jury Fails to Report at  
the Morning Session.

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The Criminal Court was surrounded early this morning by a great throng of people, anxious to hear the first word from the Cronin jury room.

It was announced last night that Judge McConnell would convene court at 10 o'clock to-day, for the purpose of receiving the verdict if one had been prepared.

Ten o'clock arrived and no jury came with it.

At 11 there was still no jury.

Meanwhile the crowd both inside and outside the building was rapidly swelling until the scenes of yesterday's crush had fair to be duplicated.

The crowd was eager, impatient, inquisitive, and leading questions were on every lip.

Shortly before 1 o'clock Judge McConnell asked one of the bailiffs if the jury showed any signs of being ready to report.

"No, sir," was the reply.

"I believe I will retire to my private room then," said His Honor. "In the event of the jury sending in any message, let me know at once."

During the morning many rumors gained currency, one being to the effect that the jury had sentenced O'Sullivan, Burke and Connelin to hang and given Meigs and Jones consuetudinary terms of five and two years, respectively.

This caused a good deal of excitement.

At noon the jury was still out.

Soon after 12 o'clock Judge McConnell adjourned court until 2 o'clock.

This afternoon there was a persistent report that the jury had agreed upon all the cases except that of Meigs.

## THE NEW LEAGUE MEETING.

Next Monday Promises Some  
Clever Baseball Surprises.

Next Monday the Players' National Baseball League will meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel for permanent organization.

On the outcome of this meeting the future of the new League may be said to hinge.

While the leaders speak most hopefully of their prospects, they will not divulge their scheme of organization until the meeting takes place.

It is said, however, by those who have the inside track on baseball affairs, that some surprises will be sprung at the meeting, and that the new League will be formed on an unexpectedly solid basis.

Arthur Irwin, in anticipation of Monday's gathering, says:

"The meeting will be a rousing one in every sense of the word. No clashing is expected, though the session will be a protracted one."

"I do not want to say whether or not the American Association will be invited to constitute with us."

"I am not surprised that Beckley and Miller deserted the Brotherhood. Both were at the Court House this morning, and at present advantages, without stopping to consider what the future has in store for them."

A despatch from St. Louis says that Chris Von der Ahe and Al Johnson are on their way East to attend the Brotherhood meeting with a view to securing St. Louis' admission to the P. A. League.

"The Brotherhood wants the best Brotherhood city in this country," St. Louis application for admission to the new League will be accepted," Mr. Johnson is quoted as saying.

## JOHN L. COMING TO-NIGHT.

The Big Fellow's Match with  
Jackson Almost a Certainty.

A telegram from John L. Sullivan to a friend in this city announced that the big fellow would reach New York this evening.

He comes to fulfill his contract to spar at Harry Miner's, but he will find lots of anxious interviewers as to his coming fight with Peter Jackson.

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## STRIKE OF THE HOMOEOPATHS.

Dr. Guernsey Asked to Take Action  
in the Dissolution of His Own Board.

A singular feature of the war between the Homoeopathic physicians and that of the conventional doctors is that a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Homoeopathic Medical Society, asking that the World's Island Medical Board be dissolved for violating the Homoeopathic Code, has been sent to the Commission of the World's Island Medical Board of the Homoeopathic Hospital by the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections.

The Commission have requested the society to send them a list of the names of the revolutionists, and what numbers were present, in order to see how the society as a body regarded the affair.

## LONDON'S GAS-WORK STRIKE.

Strikers Withdraw their Pickets Upon  
Finding New Hands in Their Places.

[BY SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

LONDON, Dec. 14.—When the gas-work strikers found that the works were fully supplied with workmen this morning they at once withdrew their pickets.

The strikers are very quiet, and notwithstanding the fact that the works are running with new hands, they still seem confident of success.

The coal porters at Greenwich struck to-day without giving notice.

The crews of colliers have given notice that they will not work on vessels conveying coal for works where non-union men are employed.

STREET, ALICE, SMALL DANCE, SMALL PRICE. STRIKE points in favor of Claret's Little Sister. STRIKE.

## HOW DID HE DIE?

Patrick Sullivan Found Dead in an  
Electric Plant.The Police Report That He Was  
Killed by Shock.Did He Die of Heart Disease, as the  
Company Claim?Burns on His Hands that Would  
Indicate Electricity.

Has another victim been added to the already too long list of deaths by the fatal touch of electricity?

Patrick Sullivan, a sturdy employee of the Manhattan Electric Light Company's works at Eightieth street and Avenue B, thirty years old, who lived with his wife and family at 501 East Eightieth street, was suddenly stricken down while at work this morning.

The police report that he was killed by electricity.

Sullivan was employed in the engine room where the huge dynamo is located, the powerful machinery of which sends lights to a number of stores in Yorkville.

He was found by Morris Jordan, a helper, lying dead over a steam pipe in the sub-cellar under the dynamo room.

He had been dead but a short time.

He leaves a wife and two children.

Other employees came hurrying in and a doctor was sent for, but Sullivan was dead.

There were burns on his hands.

The coroner and police were notified. The news of the accident soon spread, and a crowd of curious people gathered in the blinding snow-storm to gaze at the building.

It is supposed that Sullivan's hand must have come in contact with some portion of the dynamo and thus received the fatal shock.

The officials of the Company say that Sullivan may have been afflicted with heart disease, and that death may have been due to that and not to electricity.

The prevailing opinion, however, is that he was shocked.

Manager Markley, when seen by an EVENING WORLD reporter, seemed very much perturbed.

"How did this man come to be killed by electricity?" asked the reporter.

"I don't know. I don't believe he was killed by electricity. There were no electric wires, lights or dynamos in the sub-cellar where he was found."

"I think he died of heart disease and fell on the steam pipes where he was found."

"How much of a current was turned on in the building here to-day?" he was asked.

"None at all, except what we use to light our own building with incandescent lamps."

"But none of them are burning now. How is that?" asked the reporter.

This staggered Mr. Markley and he could give no answer.

It was evident that the light had been turned off after Sullivan's death, whether he was killed by electricity or not.

Permission to view the body was denied by Mr. Markley, but the reporter promptly went down stairs, and policeman Lawlor admitted him.

Sullivan's body had been brought up out of the sub-cellar, and lay on the floor.

The right side of the face was burned through to the gums almost and extended the full length of the head.

On the left hand, between the second and third fingers, there was another burn clear through to the bone.

This seemed more like the work of a wire than the injuries on the cheek, but the workmen said that both were caused by the steam-pipes, on which Sullivan was lying when he was struck.

There were a number of incandescent lamps and a few wires in the engine-room, but the lamps were out and lanterns were in use.

"What is the matter with the light?" asked the reporter.

"They are out now. Were they burning to-day?"

"I don't know," and more information could not be gleaned.

The workmen professed to believe that Sullivan died of heart disease.

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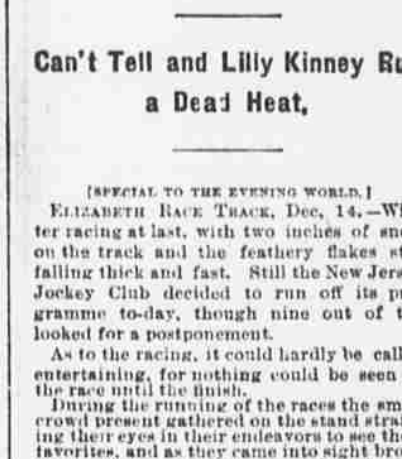
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First pole down.

system that has been condemned by the authority of the Supreme Court, wires and poles are coming to the ground in all parts of the city in a way that is making their very last stand on end.

The war was declared at precisely five minutes before ten this morning, when Lineman Flynn, of Inspector Roth's gang, skipped nimbly up one of the new United States poles in Chambers street, just across the way from the Public Works building, and with two blows of his hatchet severed the wire that supplies the street lamps all along Chambers street. A big shout went up from the crowd that had gathered to see the fun, as the fallen wire went spinning along the sidewalk, while Commissioner Gilroy and his staff, who were standing grimly as the work of destruction began.

MANAGER BROWN'S TONIC.

Manager Brown, of the United States Company, and other electric-light people saw it, too, with blanched faces.

"Oh, my God!" exclaimed Mr. Brown, raising his hands in horror at the sight. "That's one of our new wires that has just been approved by the Board. Can't some one stop them? We shall be ruined."

But the answer was, for the wire was strung in violation of the law on some of the telephone poles in the neighborhood and it was too late.

The managers and superintendents had to stand by and see the wires go down one after another, and more melancholy look-group could not be imagined.

CROWDS WATCHING IT.

The crowd followed the gang of linemen along the street, cheering and encouraging them in their work, and the judges and lawyers gathered in the windows in the Court-house, where they could get a good view of the work as it progressed.

A wagon followed along behind gathering up the rolls of wire which had been cut



KEEPING BACK THE CROWD.

Down, and soon the sound of the axe was heard merrily through the street as Prof. Hickey, who wielded that implement, began an attack on the poles which had been stripped of their wires.

SHARP ESCAPES.

The inspectors and police had hard work to keep the crowd and the trucks back, and there were several narrow escapes as the tall steel went crashing to the pavement sending showers of glass fragments from the shattered insulators in every direction.

Those poles cost \$20 apiece, and Supt. Spear, ruefully, as he watched them come down, said: "I'd like to have the contract for putting them up at that price," remarked a bystander.

Everybody seemed to be delighted that the good work had begun so promptly, and on every side there were shouts of approval. Commissioner Gilroy, who had organized his campaign against the defective lighting, was on hand to confer with him and settle the routes to be taken.

Commissioner Gilroy and Superintendent of the Bureau of Incendurances Cummings were also present at the conference.

SAVED NEW ARMS.

Carvatore Hase and Corrigan, of the

Department of Public Works, brought a gang of twenty-five men and workmen provided with rubber hammers, brand new axes and a full supply of nippers, to the fully equipped battalion would be in readiness to begin the work at once as soon as the order of attack should be given.</